

Docket No. 47756-CIP1-DIV (70184)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: R. Formato, et al.
SERIAL NO. 09/750,402 EXAMINER: Raymond Alejandro
FILED: December 28, 2000 GROUP: 1745
FOR: COMPOSITE SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES

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Sir:

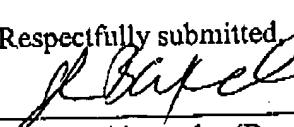
Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 29, 2003. Enclosed is the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the Amendment filed September 15, 2003 in which claims 51-75, 119, and 121-123 were indicated as "Previously added" and claim 76 was not identified. The designation "Previously Added" which was included in claims 51-75, 119, and 121-123 has been replaced with "Previously Presented." Claim 76 which was introduced in the preliminary amendment filed with the instant application has had the identifier "Previously Presented" added to indicate the claim's status.

Applicants believe that the prior response was a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the office action.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Date: October 2, 2003

Respectfully submitted,


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